

Results Snapshot

April – June 2026



Project name: Daakye School Meals Program/ Healthy Meals for Brighter Futures

Country: Ghana

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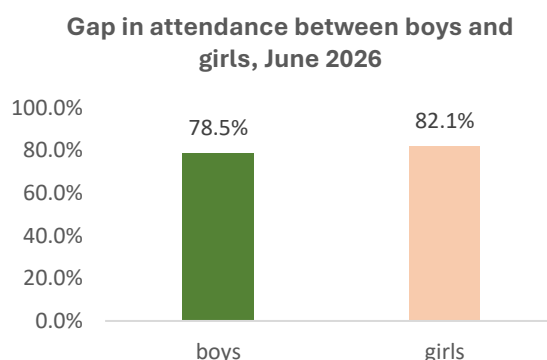
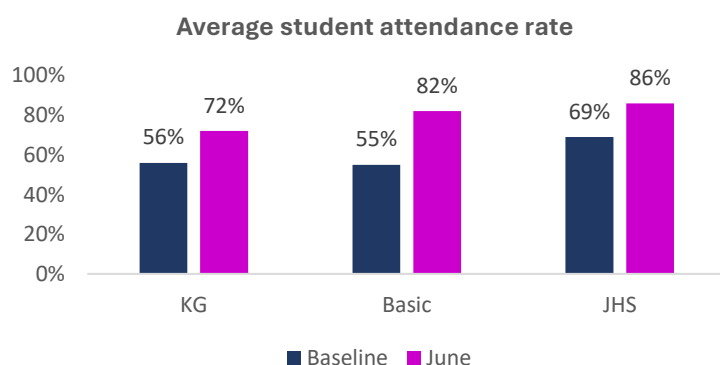
Duration: April 2026 – March 2027

The Daakye School Meals Program provides nutritious daily meals to approximately 2,000 children in underserved schools in Ghana's Eastern Region. The program also strengthens local food systems through local food sourcing, school gardens, improved food safety, and greater community involvement in school feeding. Early results from April to June 2026 show increases in school attendance, improvements in kitchen and handwashing practices, and more diverse school meals.

Improved Attendance

Attendance rose across every grade level between the baseline period and June. Kindergarten attendance increased from 56% to 72%, Basic 1–6 from 55% to 82%, and Junior High School attendance grew from 69% to 86%.

By June, girls attended school at a slightly higher rate than boys — 82.1% compared with 78.5%.



Safer Kitchens, Healthier Habits

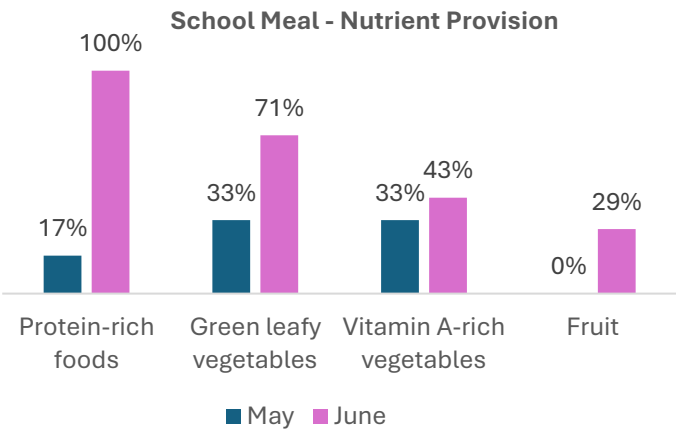
Kitchens with water and detergent on hand rose from 67% to 100%. Unsafe practices declined, too: food stored on the floor declined from 50% to 14%, and cleaning products stored alongside food declined from 33% to 20%.

Food safety standard	April	June
Kitchens had water and detergent in place	67%	100%
Kitchens had food items stored on the floor	50%	14%
Cleaning products were stored along with food	33%	20%
Handwashing station in place for student use	83%	100%
% schools where most children washed hands with soap before eating	17%	100%

Healthier Meals

The nutritional composition of meals has improved substantially. Meals are more diverse and responsive to student nutrition needs.

Access to drinking water during meals increased from 67% of the schools in April to 100% in June.



Students rate school meal provision during a Community Score Card session



The share of meals serving dark green leafy vegetables – a key source of iron – rose from 0% to 29%, while the overall proportion of meals including leafy vegetables increased from 33% to 71%.